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By Hand Hon. Kevin Nathaniel Fox United States Magistrate Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, NY 10007

Re: <u>Sean White v. Superintendent W. Lape</u> 07-CV-11299 (RJH) (KNF)

Your Honor:

I am an Assistant Attorney General in the office of Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General of the State of New York, and I will be representing respondent in the above-referenced habeas corpus matter. I am writing to request an extension of time in which to respond to Mr. White's habeas petition.

On February 20, 2008, Your Honor issued an order requiring respondent to file a response to the petition by March 28, 2008. Upon receiving the order, my office requested the state court record (including the briefs on direct appeal, any documents pertaining to any collateral motions, and the transcript) from the New York County District Attorney's office. This morning I received the trial transcripts, I have not yet received the record on appeal, including the appellate briefs and any post-conviction motions. These documents are necessary to formulate a comprehensive response to petitioner's claim.

Additionally, I am currently backlogged in my upcoming caseload. I am currently assigned to respond to nine habeas petitions in the next two months. As a result, I am requesting a 75 day extension from the original due date, until June 11, 2008, to file my response. This is my first request for an extension in this matter.

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Application granted. Any repry by the petitioner Shall be served and filed

on or Sefore July 21,2008.

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Respectfully submitted,

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